

SERIOUS MATTER.

Sunken Nets Full of Herring Polluting Water at Bay of Islands.

Hon. Eli Dawe left St. John's, N. F., recently for Bay of Islands to inquire into alleged breaches of the fishery regulations, it having been stated that parties have placed nets in various Arms and have allowed them to sink by reason of the quantity of herring they contained. This is polluting the waters of the Arms and driving all herring from the coast. The minister purposes visiting all the places where such is said to have occurred and will prosecute the guilty ones if sufficient evidence is obtained. The cruiser Fiona will be there and a thorough inspection of the various points will be made.

SPECIAL FISH TRAIN.

First One in History of the Canadian Fisheries.

For the first time in the history of the Canadian fisheries a special train loaded with fish was despatched to the Boston market on Wednesday. The train consisted of nine cars loaded with mackerel and lobsters from Canso, and other parts of the province, and went over the Dominion Atlantic Railway to Yarmouth, to be transhipped by steamer to Boston.

FROM GREEN BAY.

British Sch. Carlraine Brings Cargo of Salt Herring.

The British sch. Carlraine, which was here the past winter with a cargo of bulk salt herring from Newfoundland, arrived here this morning with a cargo of 900 barrels of salt herring in barrels. The craft comes from Green Bay, N. F., and the fish are some of them ripped, some Norwegian and some Scotch cure. The herring were caught at Green Bay last winter after the ice had set in so that vessels could not enter or leave the bay, and are fine stock. The cargo is consigned to the Slade Gorton & Co. branch of Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

GOOD WORK.

Steamer Bryda F. Stocks Over \$3000 Pollocking Off Here.

The little gasoline steamer Bryda F., Capt. Albert A. Sadler, has done well since the pollock struck in off her a few weeks ago, and in the fresh pollock fishery has stocked a little over \$3000 up to date. This is certainly good work.

BAIT VERY SCARCE.

Large Fleet of Shore Boats Hung Up Here.

Fresh bait is exceptionally scarce along shore just at present, and in consequence quite a large fleet of the shore market boats are hung up at this port, Provincetown and down east. Sch. Mary E. Cooney is waiting here and Capt. Frank Cooney has telegraphed everywhere in vain for bait. Schs. Maud F. Silva and Mary E. Silveira, which went down to Boothbay Harbor and lay several days, found no bait there or anywhere along the Maine coast and returned here yesterday. Over at Provincetown the situation is the same.

GOOD HALIBUT RECEIPTS.

One Georges Handliner Has 12,000 Pounds Here This Morning.

Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. John J. Carroll, arrived during the night from Gulf of St. Lawrence with a fine trip, consisting of 50,000 pounds of halibut, 8000 pounds of flitches and 15,000 pounds of salt fish. Beside this good trip, sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, from the same place, has 26,000 pounds of salt cod and 4000 pounds of flitches.

Two Georges halibuters, schs. Vigilant and Volant, also arrived since Saturday with 8000 pounds each of halibut and also the Georges handline codfishing schooner Lawrence Murdock with 12,000 pounds of halibut, beside 9000 pounds of salt cod.

In addition to these fares, eight or nine cars of Pacific halibut are at Boston this morning.

Trawler Spray Again In.

The steam otter trawler Spray arrived at Boston this morning, having been out a week, fishing in South Channel and has 32,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock. She will haul out for repairs as soon as her fish are taken out.

Good Stock.

Sch. Shepherd King of Portland, Capt. Brigham, stocked \$2625 as the result of her recent three shore shack trips, inside of one month.

Shack Trip Sold.

The fare of salt and fresh cod of sch. Dictator sold to Reed & Gamage at regular Board of Trade prices.

Big Shack Trip.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. George Smith, is at Boston this morning, with a big trip consisting of 132,000 pounds of fresh fish, 100,000 pounds of which are hake.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.00; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Bank halibut, 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$3.75 for large \$3.25 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.12 1-2

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$2.00.

Salt pollock, \$1.25.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$3.50; medium do., \$2.50; snappers, \$1.62 1-2.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.25 for large, \$2.25 for medium, snappers \$1.50.

Large fresh mackerel, 18 cents each.

Boston.

Steam Otter Trawler Spray, 30,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Regina, 35,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 14,000 hake.

Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. David Sherman, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Fanny A. Smith, 2000 cod, 100,000 hake, 32,000 cusk.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Annie Perry, 2000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 7000 haddock, 5000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 1000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 25,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Fish Hawk, 8000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$1.50; hake, \$1 to \$2; cusk, \$1.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, bound home, was at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday.

MILLION POUNDS OF COD.

Biggest Trip Ever Caught Expected at San Francisco.

The Alpha is expected to arrive within a day or two in San Francisco with the biggest and finest cargo of codfish that has ever been brought into port. She is bringing in 500 tons of fish and they are said to be of excellent quality.

Another Haul of Whiting.

Messrs. McDonald and Tarr seined 50 barrels of Old England hake in the harbor yesterday. The traps hereabouts are also taking quite a lot of these fish.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Cape Shore, 60 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Massachusetts, Gulf of St. Lawrence, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 50,000 lbs. halibut, 8000 lbs. flitched halibut.

Sch. Volant, Georges, 8000 lbs. halibut, 28,000 lbs. salt cusk.

Sch. Vigilant, Georges, 8000 lbs. halibut, 14,000 lbs. salt fish, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Br. sch. Carlraine, Green Bay, N. F., 900 bbls. salt herring, (barrelled).

Sch. Lawrence Murdock, Georges, 8000 lbs. salt cod, 12,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. James R. Clark, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Seined in harbor, 116 bbls. Old England hake.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore.

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TOTAL FAILURE.

Present Cape Shore Mackerel Season Is Most Disappointing.

Four Seiners Arrive Here This Morning with Small Fares.

Four vessels arrived this morning from the Cape Shore and together they have but 164 barrels of salt mackerel, about one-quarter of a good big trip from there. They all tell of the failure of the fishery there this spring, and say that the fleet as a whole has done nothing. The total catch will be inside of 2000 barrels.

Capt. Almon D. Malloch of sch. Edna Wallace Hopper reports leaving off Louisburg, C. B., last Saturday, and that the vessels were doing nothing. He says that all the fleet are bound this way; some intending to come here and land what few they have, while others will go to the southward first. He says the Cape Shore season this year was the "deadest dog" he ever saw. He reports sch. Mary E. Harty high line with 200 barrels and sch. Lizzie M. Stanley next with 165 barrels, also that many of the fleet have not taken a fish.

The only arrival of mackerel at New York this morning is the netter Almeida with 2400 large fresh mackerel.

This crew of sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, shared \$69 as the result of their southern and Cape Shore trip.

The porgy steamer George E. Morse was at Newport yesterday with 4200 fresh mackerel and porgy steamer Teutonic was also there with 4000 fresh mackerel.

Steamer Calvin Austin, which arrived at Boston this morning from St. John, N. B., has 190 barrels of fresh mackerel.

Steamer Halifax, which arrived at Boston yesterday from Halifax, had 272 barrels of fresh mackerel.

The Louisburg, C. B., correspondent in a Sydney paper says that the fleet of 27 American fishing schooners were increased to about 40 Thursday evening. Friday morning all of them left port. Those who had gasoline engines installed had quite an advantage over the other schooners in getting out to sea on account of the moderate wind.

Cape Shore salt mackerel took a rise of \$1 per barrel this morning, the fare of sch. Kentucky selling to Fred Bradley at \$13 per barrel. The fare of sch. Edna Wallace Hopper sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.; that of sch. Elizabeth Silsbee to George Perkins & Son and that of sch. Ingomar to the Gloucester Mackerel Co., all at the same figure.

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NEWFOUNDLAND LAWS.

Gloucester Vessel Owners Will Not Defy Them.

Much Newspaper Talk Caused by Over Zealous Reporter.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., says that "the colonial government has commissioned the whaler Neptune as an additional fishery cruiser to enforce the foreign fishery cruiser along the west coast and Belle Isle, where it is reported Americans purpose starting a new herring fishery this summer. This act will prevent evasions of the bait and fisheries laws."

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It is funny how things come about. Take for instance this present case, which has caused so many lines of newspaper reading. A despatch which came into the hands of a news gathering association from St. John's said that the Newfoundland authorities had heard that at this port they were planning to evade or defy the bait laws of that island and that the vessels here had a scheme for getting bait.

Following this the local representative of the association was notified of the telegram and asked to find out about it. He interviewed some of the leading vessel owners and also another party, the latter telling him that in event of the falling off of the mackerel fishery in the early fall, it was probable that some of these vessels, being already fitted for seining, might give up the search for mackerel and start off for the treaty coast to search for and seine herring, which action would be wholly within their rights under the treaty.

When the despatch appeared in print, after being sent to the news gathering association from this city, it was to the effect that some of the seiners were to knock off seining now or soon and go right down and seine herring up off Belle Isle straits. When this reached Newfoundland there was a great stir, and the local papers there, as well as some at home, were flooded with long despatches of what the American fishermen were going to do and how they were going to transgress the laws of Newfoundland, when as a matter of fact such a thing was not thought of.

The matter of seining herring off the treaty coast this coming fall has been considered by some of the firms here, and could be done at little or no expense, as the vessels ready to pull up when the seining season was all or nearly over could be hustled right down there with the same gear and crews, and if the fish schooled could soon scoop up a load without breaking any part of the treaty of 1818 or violating any Newfoundland law. It was from the above incorrect reporting of the facts of the matter that all the uneasiness of Newfoundland and all the talk of extra cruisers has originated.

It can be said authoritatively by the Times that there is no intent on the part of the Gloucester vessel owners or fishermen to evade or break any law of Newfoundland. They do not have to. If our vessels go seining herring down there this fall with their own crews from here and the natives get no good American dollars for hire, it is no business of the American fishermen. They know their rights. They know that herring school on the treaty coast and they know that they have an indisputable right to catch them and perhaps need not go into the bays after them.

Gloucester is not worrying about St. John's despatches. She has seen too many of them and knows pretty nearly the source from which they emanate. Nobody is getting scared and the vessels of the Gloucester fleet will bring home herring the coming fall from Newfoundland waters as they have for years in the past, and also they will break no treaty rights or local laws and live within their treaty rights in catching them, whatever method of fishing they may pursue.

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CATCHES OF SEINERS.

What About 30 of the Fleet Have Done Thus Far.

HALF THE FLEET AT LOUISBURG

Times Correspondent There Interviews the Captains.

A special to the Times from its Louisburg, C. B., correspondent gives the first news of what the Cape Shore seining fleet is doing up to about the present time.

The letter is dated Friday and says that on the preceding day, a fleet of 30 sail of American seiners put in there for shelter, being the first seiners to reach there this season. Many of the vessels are new and handsome craft and the whole fleet presented a very fine appearance at anchor in the harbor. The captains of the vessels that were in there report the mackerel fishery poor up to date and only a few of them had made catches of any note. On Friday morning the fleet went out on the fishing grounds and at noon a number of them were lying about four or five miles off the harbor.

The following is the list of vessels there Thursday and the catch of each:

Sch. Annie M. Parker, 51 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Annie Greenlaw, 105 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson, 125 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Constellation, 60 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, 23 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Fame, 80 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Grayling, 30 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Edna Wallace Hopper, 50 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Lucania, 20 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Arthur James, 120 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Cynthia, 123 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Electric Flash, 130 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, 200 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Metamora, 31 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 130 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 165 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Lena and Maud, 110 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Argo, 70 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Speculator, 30 barrels salt mackerel.

Sch. Moaniam, 30 barrels salt mackerel.

Also schs. Diana, Manhasset, Ralph L. Hall, Susan and Mary, Orinoco, Selma, Veda M. McKown, Romance and Natalie J. Nelson, fares not reported.

Evidently the outlook on the Cape Shore must be pretty dull at present. Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, is at Grace Bay, N. S., today and Capt. Jacobs wired the Times asking what the mackerel prospects were at home, stating that it was very dull there.

No heavy catches of mackerel have been made off Louisburg. Last Monday some boats got as high as four barrels, but since then the catch has been small. Salmon fishing is good along shore and haddock are plentiful. Up to this date the haddockers have done pretty well.

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Last season this fishery was a complete failure. Codfishing is also fairly good and the indications point to a more successful fishery season than last year. Lobsters are showing up well and are bringing higher prices than last season.

A letter from Capt. Samuel Colson of the halibut Margaret of this port, dated at Arichat, C. B., June 7, states that on Tuesday night he was on board sch. Mary F. Curtis, and they were dressing mackerel, having made a haul of 100 barrels that night five miles east of White Head. Before he got up to the Curtis he passed several vessels with lights up, which he took to be vessels dressing mackerel, lying to the westward of the Curtis. Since arriving at Arichat, Capt. Colson writes that he had heard that several fair hauls had been made by seiners off to the eastward of Canso the same day as the Curtis got her haul. Wednesday, the day following, was fine, but Thursday, the day the letter was written, was stormy.

The following netters are at Newport this morning with mackerel:

Sch. Mildred, 400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Gertrude, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Olive E., 600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Olga, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mabelle Leavitt, 700 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Alert, 300 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Pinkham, 1700 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Maxwell, 400 fresh mackerel.
Steamer Favorite, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lizzie Hunt, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Hockomock, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Joliet, 4000 fresh mackerel.
Steamer Joppaite, 1700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Evangeline, 1600 fresh mackerel.
The netters at Lanesville took a few mackerel this morning.
Nelson's harbor trap took 35 tinker mackerel this morning. They sold to William E. Dennett.

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Sch. Rena A. Percy, Maine Coast, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Kentucky, Cape Shore, 60 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, Cape Shore, 35 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Ingomar, Cape Shore, 21 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Edna Wallace Hopper, Cape Shore, 48 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Ralph Russell, Rips, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Ramona, shore.
Seineboat Outer Harbor, 50 bbls. whiting.
Sch. Annie Perry, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Spilting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.00; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Bank halibut, 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$3.75 for large \$3.25 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.12 1-2

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$2.00.

Salt pollock, \$1.25.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$3.50; medium do., \$2.50; snappers, \$1.62 1-2.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.25 for large, \$2.25 for medium, snappers \$1.50.

Large fresh mackerel, 18 cents each.

Fresh Old England hake, 50 cts. per cwt.

Salt Cape Shore mackerel, \$13 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 8000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 35,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 21,000 cod.
Sch. Sea Fox, 9000 haddock, 13,000 cod.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 23,000 haddock 2000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Edward A. Rich, 14,000 cod.
Sch. Louise R. Sylva, 18,000 cod.
Sch. Tartar, 7000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Frances V. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Grace Darling, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Dorothy, 16,000 cod.
Haddock, \$3; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.

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OFF SHINNECOCK.

Seiner and Two Porgy Boats Got Hauls There Yesterday.

Several Netters at Newport Today with Nice Trips.

The following netters are at Newport today with fares:

Sch. Lafayette, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Minneola, 1800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Jennie Gilbert, 1600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Robert G. Harris, 1800 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Queen of the Sea, 600 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mary Emerson, 1900 fresh mackerel.
Sloop On Time, 1400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Dart, 1800 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Sarah, 400 fresh mackerel.

Besides the netters, steamer George Morse had 84 barrels of fresh mackerel there yesterday and steamer Seaconnet had 75 barrels. This morning sch. Hattie L. Trask is there with 30 barrels of fresh mackerel. The latter three got their fish off Shinnecock.

The first mackerel taken in Ipswich bay this season was taken Sunday in a net by Capt. George Morgan of Lanesville.

The traps at Yarmouth, N. S., had from 15 to 20 barrels each of mackerel on Sunday.

No mackerel are reported at Pubnico, but off Lunenburg on Sunday the boats averaged 40 mackerel each.

Mackerel are plenty off Isaac's Harbor and fair at Whitehead, but at the latter place, where the netters have been getting from one to two barrels each daily, the dogfish have struck in so solid that they have had to take up their nets.

Mackerel are fair at Arichat, D'Escousse and St. Peters and none at Georgetown and scarce at Alberton.

Schs. Natalie J. Nelson, Electric Flash, Cynthia, Clandia, Conqueror, Annie M. Parker, Indiana, Lottie G. Merchant, Moomam, Marguerite Haskins, Argo, Hattie M. Graham, Metamora, Terra Nova, Muriel, Grayling, Lewis H. Giles, Arthur James, Nourmahal, Avalon, Nellie Dixon, Veda M. McKown, Mary E. Harty, Vera, Constellation, Ralph L. Hall, Patrician and Mary F. Curtis of the seining fleet were at Canso on Sunday.

Sch. Arthur Binney was at Liverpool, N. S., on Sunday.

A Boston Fish Bureau dispatch from Whitehead, N. S., dated yesterday, reports the following fares:

Sch. Corsair, 70 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Fame, 80 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Talisman, 90 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 70 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Robin Hood and Monarch, no fish.

FROM CAPE SHORE.

Four More Vessels Have Arrived Since Last Reports.

Sch. Victor Has 187 Barrels, Largest Trip Yet.

Schs. Victor and Slade Gorton arrived from Cape Shore during last night, the Victor having 187 barrels of salt mackerel, the largest trip from the Cape Shore this season. Capt. McFarland did not go the eastward of Canso and struck some fish recently. Usually 187 barrels is no great amount for a Cape Shore trip, but this year, when the fishery is almost a total failure, it looms up like a mountain.

Sch. Alert, Capt. John F. Vautier, is home from the southern seining grounds to rest. Capt. Vautier reports quite a lot of fish out that way but that they are wild and do not show well.

Many of the seiners who will go south after their Cape Shore trips will have a look out through South Channel and around the South Shoal lightship on their way out.

Sch. Cherokee with 200 fresh mackerel is the only netter at New York this morning.

Large catches of herring and mackerel were made Friday on the Victoria county coast. At Englishtown three hundred barrels of herring were taken in a trap owned by John G. Morrison, M. P. P., and at Breton Cove thirty barrels of mackerel were taken in Graham & Co.'s trap.

About 700 barrels of fresh mackerel were received at Boston yesterday from all points. Among them were quite a number of small mackerel going from three quarters to a pound each.

The fare of sch. Slade Gorton sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

The fare of sch. Victor sold to Davis Bros.

The fare of sch. Mooween sold to Fred Bradley at \$13 per barrel.

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FISH HAD SPECTACLES.

Curious Find of One of Crew of Lelia E. Norwood.

Hauled Up Codfish with Rusty Pair in Its Stomach.

A codfish what wore spectacles was hauled up on Georges bank recently by Olaf Nelson, one of the crew of sch. Lelia E. Norwood of this port, engaged in halibuting. To be sure they were not fitted to the fish's eyes when he was hauled up, but were in his pocket, as it were, that is, in his stomach. They were of the steel bowed and rimmed kind and one of the lenses was gone and one of the bows was broken off.

The glasses may have been lost by some Georges handliner fishing at the rail or they may have come from the body of some unfortunate person who was drowned.

The glasses are on exhibition at Bradstreet's barber shop on Main street and are attracting much attention.